

SPRIT OF JEFFERSON.

CHARLESTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, W. VA.
TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23, 1883.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Knights of Pythias, met in Wheeling last week.

The Tri-County Fair at Hagerstown, last week, was a grand success—the exhibits the most extensive, valuable and attractive, and the attendance greatly larger than ever before. We might add that good advertising was one of the mediums to bring this about.

Mr. G. Julian Pratt, Secretary, will please accept thanks for a complimentary ticket to the Baldwin-Angusta Fair, to be held at Staunton, Va., Oct. 23-26. The exhibition this year promises to be of the very best order, and the attendance will doubtless be very large.

The exhibition of the Shenandoah Valley Fair Association, at Winchester, last week, was the best and most profitable ever held there. The trades display, on Thursday, was a grand success, and on Friday the Winchester Light Infantry and Fire Department paraded and visited the grounds. The V. M. I. Cadets were present during the Fair. The special premium, a cup valued at \$100, given by Col. U. L. Boyce for the best herd of thoroughbred Durhams, was awarded to Geo. Chrisman, of Rockingham county.

It looks as if the two great National Conventions were coming East this year. Baltimore and Boston are stirring after the honor of entertaining the Democrats, and Philadelphia is trying for the Republican show. We vote for Baltimore for the Democratic Convention, and hope to see the Monumental City chosen as the point for the gathering together of the representative Democrats of the nation. Her facilities of railroad and water transportation give her most favorable connection with all parts of the country, her hotel accommodations are first-class, and her people hospitable and generous.

The Supreme Court by its recent decision in the five cases brought before it a year ago has declared the civil-rights act of 1875 to be unconstitutional. The purpose of the act was to assert the right of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States to equal accommodations and privileges in hotels, in railroad cars, theaters and other places of public entertainment, and it subjected any person violating the provision of the act to a fine ranging from five hundred to a thousand dollars from each offense, or imprisonment from thirty days to a year. The act was framed, as is well known, as a means of obtaining complete legal equality between the white and colored races.

The Victory in Ohio.

The chief value of the great Democratic victory in Ohio is attributable to the fact that it was won upon a platform of principle, and not upon mere platitudes and verbiage. The tariff plank proposes a tariff for revenue, with protection only as an incident. Protection as an incident is true Democratic doctrine; as an object, it is not only un-Democratic, but unconstitutional.

The Ohio platform declares more over, against building up and fostering monopolies, at the expense of the labor, and true interests of the country.

A victory achieved upon such a platform is full of significance, and of inestimable value. It is a rebuke not only to the Republicans who have ruled the country in the interest of the few, but also to that class of so-called Democrats, (very largely represented in this State,) which in every living issue and practical contest, is found opposing the real interests of the people, and in close alliance with monopolists, corporations, and official corruption.

The numerical strength of the Democratic party is in the masses of the people, the farmers, the mechanics, the traders, the merchants, the laborers—the men, whose industry, enterprise, honesty, and energy have made the country what it is.

No amount of palaver about mere nominal Democracy; no energy of bigging and wire-pulling about the distribution of the offices, is going to satisfy an intelligent people, unless they are convinced that the organization and its leaders have some sincere convictions and principles behind them, that they are deserving of trust, and do not mean to bow down to the dictates of selfish ambition, or commercial or corporate plutocracy, or corruption.

The Democratic party is the party of the people, and must remain such, or they will turn their backs upon it. There can be no such thing as a true Democracy, with semi-Republican leaders. We have got to nominate for office men who have principles, who will raise the standard of the public service by their fidelity and ability, and by their devotion to the cause of the people, and their ability to serve them.

Ohio has shown us the way to victory. Let us follow her example.

FACTS AND FANCIES

Concerning Charlestown and its Prominent Industries.

What Our Reporter Finds to say of our Business Interests.

In to-day's issue we begin publication of a series of articles—the result of a newspaper reporter's observations and inquiries. It is not designed that these "facts and fancies" shall aim at comprising a history of Charlestown; it is our purpose, however, to show what industries are being carried on here, from what they have sprung and by whom they are conducted, and so publish leaflets of trade and personal history. No further premise is needed to outline our purpose, so turning to the pages of our note book we cast our eyes over the memoranda relating to the

VALLEY FERTILIZER CO., an incorporated concern that has, within a limited number of years, reached a degree of importance that justifies notice. This, like many another prosperous enterprise the country over, is the outgrowth of individual business action. A few years ago Messrs. Washington & Lippitt, then in partnership, added the sale of phosphates to their other trade. The result was entirely satisfactory; as the use of fertilizers increased so did their trade, and three or four years later the firm began compounding fertilizers which they placed upon the market under their own brands.

Thus was taken the first step in this branch of manufactures here, and the firm pushed their business in every legitimate way. In Feb. 1882, the private enterprise was merged into a joint stock company with an abundant capital. The officers elected were: Col. R. Preston Chew, Pres., B. C. Washington, Sec., S. Howell, Treas., and Dr. W. F. Lippitt Superintendent and General Manager. With enlarged means and increased facilities the new Company had no difficulty in adding to the prestige and trade already won by its predecessors: the policy of the Company, however, has been an aggressive one—in other words it has sought to place its product in competition with others of its class, relying upon intrinsic merit for permanent success, and, by degrees it has advanced the sale of its fertilizers into comparatively remote sections. Already it meets Maryland fertilizer companies in their supposed strongholds; it is extending its business through Virginia and West Virginia. About 3,000 tons of fertilizers have been made and sold by the Company this year; remunerative employment has been given to 30 to 40 workmen. The trade has so grown that its manufacturing operations have become continuous; in other words there is little or no interruption from January to December.

The best endorsement the Company and its goods could have is the steady and gradual increase in its sales in Jefferson and Clarke counties, where it made its beginning, having gradually risen from 30 tons its first season under Messrs. Washington & Lippitt, to over 1,500 the present year. Their works are open at all times to the inspection of consumers.

SHENANDOAH MILLING CO.

One of the prominent interests of this immediate section and yet one that makes very little display of its operations, is the Shenandoah Milling Company, a corporation whose business action is confined to milling and merchandising. The company was incorporated in March, 1882, the officers being: Geo. H. Turner, Pres't; James M. Sloan, Vice Pres't; D. J. Sloan, Sec'y and Treas. Of the eight stockholders, two, Messrs. Turner and Trussell, reside in this county—the remaining six are residents of Alleghany county, Md.

The Shenandoah Milling Co.'s Mills are located near the Shenandoah river, at a point about three miles southeast of Charlestown. The mills have been long in operation, and the Company purchased them from Mr. Turner, who operated them under the name of the Bloomer Mills. Mr. Turner, by the way, continues in charge of the mills, a position that his long practical training and experience eminently fits him for. The mills have four run of stone, operated by water power. The product, as a matter of course, is flour, meal and feed. The patent, or middlings purifier process is used in the manufacture of flour, and the results are of the best. The market held for the flour and meal made, chiefly lies in the Maryland coal regions; to be sure a large exchange and retail trade centers at the mills, and here in Charlestown a good business is had; the feed is all sold at the mills, and the supply is by no means equal to the demand.

In May, 1882, the Company also engaged in merchandising, buying out the general merchandise store of Nimrod Trussell, and Mr. D. J. Sloan has managed it since. Mr. Trussell also giving the business his personal attention. During the year and a half that has elapsed since the Company embarked in this mercantile venture, its trade has grown in a degree that certainly ought to be a matter of congratulation to all concerned. The Company's salesroom is one of the busiest spots in town; from morn-

ing till night it is usually crowded with customers, and these are cash customers, too, for the Company doesn't do a credit business—a policy that might be followed to advantage by many another of our business houses.

The formation of the Shenandoah Milling Company brought capital to the county—it advanced the welfare of both milling and mercantile interests as they then existed, and we are heartily glad to chronicle the fact that the enterprises conducted are in so prosperous a condition.

The Speaker and the Tariff.

Congressman Wilson on Two Leading Questions in the Next House.

[From the West Virginia Enterprise] The following extract from a letter written by Congressman W. L. Wilson in reply to a query from one of his constituents, will be read with interest.

I have read with interest what you write, in behalf of yourself and others in your vicinity, with reference to the choice of the next Speaker. All the gentlemen prominent in that connection are true and tried Democrats, conspicuous for long, honorable and efficient service in the House, and any one of them would adorn the position of Speaker with ability, experience and integrity. We are fortunate in having such a list to choose from, and I feel confident when the members consult together, in December, their selection will be such that we shall have no occasion to excuse or defend it in advance, or to regret it in the sequel. At present there seems to be a very general feeling among the Democracy of the next branch to avoid any appearance of becoming the parties of any candidate that the contest for the position should not be kindled with such a rivalry as to leave regrettable consequences behind it. A contest between men, involving no principal, is as we saw in our district last fall, the most dangerous of all. On the tariff question, the foundation principles of the Democratic party lead us easily to our position. Protection for the sake of protection only is class legislation in the interest of the few against the many. Democracy believes in the equality of right before the law and equality of burden under it. It cannot accept as justice or sound policy the principle of fostering one branch of industries to the detriment of any other, or of cherishing the interest of one portion to the injury of the interests of another portion of our common country. Such protection as naturally and properly results from the exercise of the power of taxation, honestly and economically, and with reference to equality of burdens, we believe in, and that only. That is justice to all.

Yours very truly,
WM. L. WILSON.

LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Charlestown, Jefferson county, W. Va., October 20, 1883:

Miss Sarah Williams, Miss Sallie Williams, Mrs. R. W. Graham, Mrs. Jane Hughes, Mrs. Sue Nichols, Mrs. Mary Peto, Thos. J. Brown, W. Bracken, Sam'l Coats, Col'd. John W. Daugherty, E. R. Foley, D. A. Ferguson, Albert Gerstle, John Reynolds, J. R. Smiley.

The above letters, if not called for within thirty days, will be sent to the dead letter office. Persons calling for them will please say that they are advertised.

BENJ. F. LEISENRING, P. M.

IT IS TO YOUR INTEREST to call and see the New Goods which have just come in from the east. Assortment larger than ever before kept in Charlestown. A new lot of Silver Ware, Violins, Harmonicas, &c., just received and for sale cheaper than by any other man in the county of Jefferson or elsewhere. Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired at short notice, and warranted for twelve months.—Call and see for yourself. Look for the Big Sign, H. A. BURTON, Watchmaker.

The grand jury of Baltimore county, Md., has indicted Frank Dehnbush, lessee, and Lowry Albert, owner of the North Point Tivoli, for manslaughter and criminal neglect, causing the disaster of July 23, in which 63 persons lost their lives by the breaking of a rotten pier.

Villa Allegrona, near Brescia, Italy, has been destroyed by fire and a thousand persons are homeless.

MARRIED.

At the Associate Reformed Church, Baltimore, October 9th, 1883, by Rev. Dr. Leyburn, assisted by Rev. Mr. Chelms, of the Presbyterian Church at Berkeley Springs, West Va., WILLIAM L. OULF, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Charlestown, Md., and Miss RUTH PURDY SNYDER, daughter of John J. Snyder, Esq., of Baltimore city.

At Lancaster, Pa., October 11th, 1883, at the residence of the bride, J. M. Powell, September 24th, assisted by Rev. E. N. Kremer, of Bedford, Pa., Miss MARY BROOKE SWARTZ to Rev. W. M. G. EGGLESTON, of Lexington, Va., son of Rev. Miss MINNIE POWELL.

In St. Joe, Mo., October 10th, Mr. GEORGE SWARTZ, of Charlestown, Md., formerly of Martinsburg, and Miss ELLA POMEROY, of St. Joe.

On October 9th, 1883, at the home of the bride, by Rev. F. M. Woods, Mr. JOHN MILLER and Miss PRUDENCE PITZNOGLE—both of Berkeley county, Md.

In Martinsburg, October 4th, 1883, by Rev. G. V. Leech, Mr. BENJ. F. PHILLIPS and Miss ANNIE E. LEMASTER—both of Berkeley county.

In Martinsburg, October 11th, 1883, by Rev. G. V. Leech, Mr. DAVID WANDLING and Miss CAROLINE SMITH—both of Berkeley county.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Martinsburg, October 11th, 1883, by Rev. F. Ketter, Mr. CLARENCE A. HENSHOTE and Miss LILLIE JOHNSON.

On October 11th, 1883, at the residence of Mrs. S. M. Horn, by Rev. R. C. ALLEN and Mr. J. A. McFadden, Mr. J. L. ALLEN and Miss HATTIE HART—both of Shenandoah county.

At Ash Lawn, near Charlottesville, on Thursday, September 21st, Mr. HENRY J. RICE, of Richmond, to Miss MAGGIE LEE MASSEY, the only daughter of the Hon. John E. Massey.

DIED.

In this place, on Thursday night, October 18th, 1883, STEPHEN VAN DORN, infant son of James W. and Ella Rose Butt, aged 7 months.

At his residence at Shenandoah Junction, on Monday, October 15th, 1883, Mr. JAMES ALBERT RICHMOND, aged 30 years.

Near Martinsburg, October 9th, 1883, MARY ADELIA GARDAN, aged 2 years, 1 month and 18 days.

At the residence of her father, Mr. William Hayslet, September 27th, 1883, Miss LYDIA A. HAYSLET, aged 55 years and 5 months.

On the 13th of October, 1883, Mr. JOHN BESSIE MAY, infant daughter of Miles W. and Emma S. Starr, aged 3 months and 4 days.

In Martinsburg, September 18th, 1883, at the residence of her mother, MAGGIE NEALE, daughter of Elizabeth C. and the late Daniel S. White.

At his residence in Martinsburg, October 16th, 1883, of inflammatory rheumatism, Mr. FREDERICK RYNAL, aged 63 years and nine months.

On the 13th of October, 1883, Mr. WILLIAM HANSUCKER, of Winchester, aged 60 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DRY GOODS

FOR FALL OF 1883.

Hamilton Easter & Sons,

OF BALTIMORE,

Invite the attention of persons wanting DRY GOODS to their prime WAREHOUSE and RETAIL STOCK, which the largest and most varied, to be found in Baltimore. Their assortment includes every class of goods, from the most fashionable to low priced, "BUT NO COMMON GOODS" that may look cheap, but would be dear at any price.

It has been their aim throughout their business career of over FIFTY YEARS to sell only goods that will give satisfaction and prove of full value for the price paid. This policy, steadily pursued, has built up their large trade, and given them the confidence of the public to the fullest extent. Being LARGE IMPORTERS OF FOREIGN GOODS, and in a position to purchase ALL DOMESTIC FABRICS DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURERS, in the best advantage, we are enabled to give our customers the benefit of our position, in low prices.

Samples will be sent to parties desiring to buy from us, on receiving definite instructions in regard to the class of goods wanted, about the price, color, preferred, &c.

The price in PLAIN FIGURES, marked on each piece of goods, from which there is no abatement.

Hamilton Easter & Sons

199, 201, 203 Baltimore St.

October 23, 1883—Sm.

PUBLIC SALE.

I WILL offer at Public Sale, at "Claymont," near Charlestown, W. Va.,

Thursday, November 1st, 1883,

the following Personal Property, owned by the late Susan S. March 3d, Clerk:

One Pair Fine Black

DRIVING HORSES,

One Black Mare, One Cow,

One Carriage, 1 Spring Wagon, 1 Handmade

Wagon, Dining Table, 1 Walnut Extension

Table, 2 Stoves, Large Bath Tub, Cane-bottom

Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Hair-bottom

Chairs, Sofas, 3 pair Handmade Brass

Iron, Fenders, Castors, China, Water Cooler,

Matting, Oil Cloth, 1 Desk, Hall and Side

Tables, 1 set of 1 Old Jackson County Map, 1

Picture of Lee, 1 Picture of Jackson, Cribbage,

Scissors, Trunk, Wheelbarrow, and other

articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS.—\$10 and under, Cash; over \$10 a

credit of Six Months, on well endorsed Ne-

gotiable Note, bearing interest from date of

sale. 62½ Sale to commence at 11 o'clock A.M.

D. Hefebower, Auctioneer. Adm'r, c. L. A.

October 23, 1883.

State of West Virginia,

County of Jefferson, ss:

Clerk's Office of the County Court.

The following is a List of Deeds admitted to

record in said Office, during the week ending

October 19, 1883.

1. Samuel L. Ridgway and wife to John W.

Grantham. Deed of Bargain and Sale, dated

October 18th, 1883, conveying to said John W.

Grantham, 33½ Acres. Date of Record, October

19th, 1883.

2. Wm. M. Kain to S. W. Washington, Trustee

for the Valley Fertilizer Company. Deed of

Trust, dated October 18th, 1883, conveying to

said S. W. Washington, 30 Acres of Wheat, on the

Claymont Farm, near Charlestown. Date of Record, October

19th, 1883.

3. H. R. Kiddle to William and John Gray.

Deed of Release, dated and recorded October

19th, 1883.

4. Wm. H. Bell and wife to N. C. Brackett,

Trustee. Deed of Trust, dated November 1st,

1883, conveying to said N. C. Brackett, 10 Acres

of land, in the County of Jefferson, West Virginia,

from the estate of the late John H. Bell, deceased.

Date of Record, October 20th, 1883.

Teste: T. A. MOORE, Clerk of County Court.

October 23, 1883.

NOTICE.

A GENERAL meeting of the Stockholders

will be held at the Shenandoah Milling Company

on Monday, November 1st, 1883, at 10 o'clock

A. D. of NOVEMBER, 1883, to elect a board

of directors for said company, make by-laws,

and transact any other business which may be

lawfully done by the said Stockholders in general

meeting.

J. B. McELROY,

W. H. TRAVERS,

GUSTAV BRUNY,

ALBERT DIEHL,

W. J. BLESSING,

Oct. 23, 1883—2t.

Mrs. Mary E. Davis

HAS just received from the East a full supply

of FALL and WINTER MILLINERY GOODS,

to which she invites the attention of her customers

and the ladies in general. Her stock is large

and varied, comprising all the latest styles.

October 23, 1883—3t.

NOTICE.

THIS is to certify that I will not pay for any

Goods that are sold to my husband without

my knowledge about them, and that I have

loaned and rented to my husband a lot of goods

to make a living with—Harness, Gears, Wheel-

barrow, Grindstone, Saws, Axes, Horse, and

lot of other goods.

Oct. 23, 1883—3t.

EVELINE KUHN.

Wanted to Buy!

A GOOD YOUNG DRAUGHT HORSE, that

will weigh about 1400 lbs. Apply at once

to

HARPER'S FERRY, Oct. 23, 1883.

JAMES MCGRAW.

Cut This Out

and return to me with TEN

cents in gold or silver, and I will send you

by mail a GREEN BACK

one dollar in GOLD COINS, or one dollar in

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